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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination, please amend the claims as below. When calculating claim fees, please take into consideration the amended claim and newly added claims below. Note that multiple dependent claim 4 has been amended to depend on claim 1 only. There are no multiple dependent claims in the present application after the amendment. Four new dependent claims are added. There are total of 9 pending claims.

In the Claims:

Please amend claims as follows:

4. (Amended) A genomic DNA analytical pattern, which has been obtained by means of a method of analysis according to [any of claims 1 to 3] claim 1.

Please add the following new claims:

-- 6. A genomic DNA analytical pattern, which has been obtained by means of a method of analysis according to claim 2.

7. A pattern according to claim 6, wherein the pattern is one represented by Figs. 4, 5, 6, or 8.

8. A genomic DNA analytical pattern, which has been obtained by means of a method of analysis according to claim 3.

9. A pattern according to claim 8, wherein the pattern is one represented by Figs. 4, 5, 6, or 8.--

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